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TAGS: EADI, OTRA (RICHARDSON, JOHN)

SUBJECT: U. S. AID TO WEST BANK AND GAZA

FOR NEA/ATHERTON

REF: STATE 109388

1. JOHN RICHARDSON CAME BY THIS MORNING (MAY 13) TO EXPLAIN HIS CURRENT VISIT TO THE AREA. HE SAID A.I.D. HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN POSSIBLY USING SOME OF THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FUND FOR ASSISTANCE THROUGH ANERA TO VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS IN WEST BANK AND GAZA. IN ORDER TO QUALIFY, HOWEVER, IT WAS NECESSARY FOR ANERA TO COMPLETE PREPARATION OF THE DETAILED PROJECT BY END OF MAY TO ALLOW REQUIRED 30-DAY REVIEW BEFORE END OF FISCAL YEAR. HE IS THEREFORE NOW VISITING THE ARAB INSTITUTIONS IN THIS AREA THAT CONDUCT VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN THEIR NEEDS, HOW MUCH ASSISTANCE THEY COULD USEFULLY ABSORB, ETC. I UNDERSTAND HE IS MENTIONING, IN THE COURSE OF HIS TALKS, THE POSSIBILITY OF U.S. ASSISTANCE FUNDS BEING MADE AVAILABLE. HE IS THINKING IN TERMS OF A TOTAL PROGRAM AMOUNTING TO FEW HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

2. IN ORDER TO FILL IN INFORMATION GAP NOTED IN TEL AVIV'S
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RECENT CABLE ON THIS SUBJECT, I ASKED HIM ABOUT PROCEDURES

BY WHICH ANERA PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO THESE INSTITUTIONS IN THE PAST. HE SAID THE MONEY WAS SENT TO THEM DIRECTLY BY CHECK, OR IF THEY PREFERRED, IT WAS DEPOSITED IN THEIR ACCOUNTS IN U.S. OR IN AMMAN. ANERA HAD NO CONTACT AT ANY TIME WITH ANY ISRAELI AUTHORITY AND HE HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE THE INSTITUTIONS THEMSELVES REPORTED THE DONATIONS TO ISRAELIS. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD NOT WISH, IN ANY FUTURE ASSISTANCE, TO INVOLVE THESE INSTITUTIONS OR ANERA IN CONTACTS WITH ISRAELI AUTHORITIES.

3. IT SEEMS ESSENTIAL FOR ANERA TO BE MAKING THESE CONTACTS IF IT IS GOING TO PROPOSE REALISTIC PROGRAM IN REQUIRED TIME PERIOD. WE WOULD HAVE TO ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT ISRAELIS MIGHT BECOME AWARE OF HIS VISIT AND OF ITS PURPOSE. ANERA'S PROPOSED PROJECT APPEAR TO FIT CRITERIA WE HAVE HAD IN MIND AS PROVIDING LEAST PROBLEM FOR ISRAELIS, NAMELY, IT WOULD SIMPLY BE MORE OF WHAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS DONE IN PAST, USING SAME PROCEDUES AS IN PAST.
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